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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q80678

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For: METHOD FOR ADJUSTING ALIGNMENT OF LASER BEAMS IN COMBINED-LASER-LIGHT SOURCE WHERE THE LASER BEAMS ARE INCIDENT ON RESTRICTED AREA OF LIGHT-EMISSION END FACE OF OPTICAL FIBER

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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**REMARKS**

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated September 13, 2006.

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner acknowledges that the references of record fail to teach or fairly suggest Applicant's invention. The Examiner then proceeds to provide examples of such novel features of the claimed invention. However, the language used by the Examiner in describing these exemplary features is not the same as the language contained in the claims. Accordingly, Applicant submits that

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each individual claim is allowable based on its own language, and not based on any paraphrasing of language that may be made by the Examiner.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application." Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated September 13, 2006.

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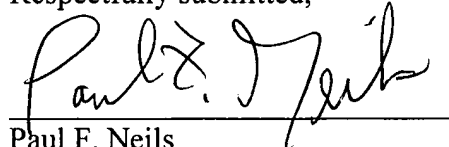
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